Solution of power crisis among farmers of Bihar

7618. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to solve the power crisis among farmers of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Supply of power to various consumers in a state, including farmers, is the prerogative of the state concerned. The power supply to agricultural sector during May, 1994 was on an average 7 hours/day.

Union Government is assisting states by supply power from the Central Sector generating units. At present Bihar is supplied power from Central generating units of Farakka STPS and Chukha HEPS, and in near future power from Kahalgaon STPS will also become available. Actual supply from these stations during April-May, 1994 has been as follows:—

Name of stations	Energy supplied in MUs
Farakka STPS .	455.5
Chukha HEPS .	62.3

Amount Sanctioned by Planning Commission for new Power Projects

7619. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been sanctioned by the Planning Commission to the new power projects for the last three years; and

(b) what was the actual amount spent on those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The approved plan outlays for new power generation projects for states, UTs and Central Sector for the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 were Rs. 1462.31 crores, Rs. 1139.18 crores and Rs. 1353.52 crores respectively.

(b) The amount spent on these projects during 1991-92 (Actual), 1992-93 (Actual) and 1993-94 (Anticipated) is Rs. 477.70 crores, Rs. 375.67 crores and Rs. 1081.45 crores respectively.

Implementation of schemes for development of Handloom sector

7620. SHRI AHMED MOHEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to unstared Question 184 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February 1994 and State:

(a) whether a meeting of the State Directors of Handlooms from all over the country was held on the 28th January, 1994;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether State Governments have been asked to submit reports about the steps taken by them to expedite implementation of various schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers; and

(d) how many State Governments have so far implemented the schemes and how many States are still to implement the scheme?